

Nearly 20,000 People Joyously Celebrate the Glorious Fourth in Astoria in Right Royal Style

- First prize for the best decorated or most appropriate float; \$25—To Teamsters' Union.
- Second prize for the second best float or decorated two-horse vehicle; \$15—Chinese Empire Reform Association.
- Third prize for the third best float or decorated one-horse vehicle; \$10—Zapf Furniture & Hardware Company.
- Fourth prize for the best decorated automobile; \$15—G. C. Fulton.
- Fifth prize for the second best decorated automobile; \$10—Dr. O. B. Estes.

In many ways it was the greatest Fourth of July that Astoria has ever had, both in point of numbers present and in the general activities of the day.

The weather was delightful, the parade, oration, sports, and all the other details of the day's celebration were perfect, and that everyone enjoyed the Fourth of July celebration was more than evident. It was difficult to estimate the exact size of the crowd, scattered as it was all about the city streets, but many thought a conservative estimate should place it at from 18,000 to 20,000. To the gentlemen who worked so indefatigably on the committee in making the arrangements, much praise is due. They worked hard, and they met many discouragements, but their efforts were crowned with the finest sort of success. The Fourth of July committee for 1908 was composed of the following well known gentlemen: J. L. Kline, chairman; C. W. Halderman, R. W. McLean, C. G. Darland, E. A. Clark. That the brunt of the work of preparation was done by Mr. Kline, probably his associates on the committee would be the first to assert, and the community owes much to Mr. Kline for his efforts all along the line, as well as to the other gentlemen of the committee only in a slightly lesser degree.

THE PARADE.

The parade swung down Bond street and then over onto Commercial in magnificent shape, and was greeted as it went along with cheers from the assembled throngs. From the beginning of the long line of floats, of carriages, of bands, of citizens, of sturdy, well set-up soldiers from the fort, down to the last vehicle, there was something of interest and "something doing" all the time. The crowds literally filled the streets and yet there was not the slightest disorder or trouble of any kind, for even the horses seemed to enter into the spirit of the day and ceased for the time being, at least, to show alarm at the crowds and the bursting bombs. Though the sun did not shine the weather was mild and very pleasant, and perhaps it was a far better condition than if the sun had been beating down. And everybody turned out—at least 18,000—women with their pretty little ones, all attired in their Sunday best, young girls in white, and everybody else "fixed up" for the day. It was a happy, jolly crowd, too.

As the parade moved along there were cheers and hand clapping for the best displays, and none looked more pleased than did the Chinamen over the interest manifest in their really excellent showing.

Following was the formation of the parade:

The parade was led by Charles V. Brown and his aides, who were W. A. Sherman, Kenneth O'Loane, James O'Connell, Frank Woodfield, George Ohler, Charles K. Burlingame, George Young, Hans W. Christiansen, H. C. Knight, Randall Reed. The aides and the grand marshal were well mounted and each was designated by a wide sash of yellow. Mr. O'Connell, who has had much experience with parades

did much to arrange matters yesterday. The marshal and aides made a goodly sight and the experience of Kenneth O'Loane was probably duplicated by nearly all the others. Someone called out to Mr. O'Loane, "Say, you ride that horse like a sack of spuds." While the rider was meditating on a suitable reply to this frank criticism, a pretty young lady spoke up, audibly: "My, but isn't he fine!" Following the marshal and aides came the lower-town band, all in their fine new khakis, and they made a fine appearance.

Then came the soldiers from Fort Stevens, clean-cut and of fine appearance in their blue uniforms, and carrying their business-like rifles. The soldiers were in command of Captain Willis and Lieutenant Cullen. Following the soldiers came a small crowd of admiring boys who hung onto the rear of the men in blue and wouldn't be parted from them even by the sounds of gayety elsewhere.

The men of the Grand Army of the Republic came next, making an imposing appearance as they sat in the carriages provided for them.

It was natural that these old soldiers who bore the brunt of battle over 40 years ago to save the nation intact should have received attention yesterday from the younger generation, just as their thinning ranks receive the same attention whenever they appear in public. His honor, Mayor Wise, and Senator Fulton, the orator of the day, came in the next carriage.

The Liberty car was one of the attractions of the day and it was indeed a pretty sight. The Goddess of Liberty chosen for the day was Miss Myrtle Harrison, and she looked sweet and pretty in her gown of white, while the whole car was packed with young girls all in white as attendants upon the Goddess of Liberty.

Following the Liberty car came boys carrying flags, and they seemed proud of the part they took in the parade and waved their flags energetically as they marched along.

The Uppertown band, in blue uniforms, followed, with their major domo skilfully twirling his baton to the delight of all the small boys and admiring friends.

Next came the hose cart, pulled by the young fellows who "run the machine."

The autos and decorated vehicles came next and first to appear was the Brix auto, with these following: the H. W. Cyrus auto, the Ferd-Fisher auto, Mrs. Hansen's auto, and then Miss Parker in the automobile that she won as the first prize in The Astorian's great voting contest. Miss Parker looked proud and happy, as she had a right to, and many were the greetings she received along the route. Following came Dr. O. B. Estes and family, and this display at once attracted attention. Dr. Estes won the second best decorated auto prize. Next came G. W. Sanborn's, and then G. C. Fulton's car, which won the first prize for the best decorated auto. The Fulton machine was sash of yellow. Mr. O'Connell, who indeed handsomely decorated. After the automobiles came the

great float of the day, the "Gateway of the Columbia," the float that Astoria entered in the Rose Festival at Portland, and which many Astorians saw for the first time. The clerks made a fine showing, as was to have been expected and their float was one of the interesting representations of the day. But it remained for the Chinamen to make a genuine hit.

The presence of the Chinese in the parade was more or less of a surprise to many, as nothing had been said of the plans they had made to enter. First came members of the Chinese Empire Reform Association on foot, making a really excellent showing, and they were followed by the Chinese float, which was awarded the second prize in the parade. The float really was highly interesting and pretty, and showed a tastefully arranged room and table in which tea was being served by dainty little Chinese girls, who, attired in their native costumes, made a striking and very pretty picture. There were many words of praise heard for the Chinese and the part they took in the day's celebration. Their music, while odd, was appreciated.

All eyes were on the float of the Teamsters' Local Union. It was the most imposing float of the entire parade and the men who designed the plan and carried it out are entitled to sincere congratulations. Drawn by great, slow-stepping and fine-looking horses, the big float was moved along. On the float, daintily fenced in, was a great black horse, who typified the work that the Teamsters' Union does, and the magnificent animal seemed to feel that he was the cynosure of all eyes. The committee on awarding the prizes did not hesitate to give the first prize to the Teamsters' Union, though they had high praise for the Chinese representation.

Next came the vehicles representing business houses, the first being one from the Zapf Furniture & Hardware Company, a fine display, and this was followed by Johnson & Morrison's. Others were from Hildebrand & Gor, Finnish Mercantile Company, Union Meat Company, and Christensen's meat display was very effective.

That the fire department attracted much interest was only natural, perhaps, but that it did attract much interest was quite evident. All the apparatus was out and the horses and various apparatus were all in spick and span shape. Chief Foster led in his buggy.

Next came the water wagon. As usual it had only one occupant. For the small boys the clown band, the Happy Holligan band, furnished endless delight. This band was composed mostly of boys fantastically garbed in strange attire and all wearing masks, mostly of a ludicrous kind. This band had been fixed up and trained by William R. Macbeth, who surely deserves credit for the fun he managed to furnish for the crowd.

George Kaboth, in his capacity of chairman of the fire and water committee of the city council, rode on the seat of Hose Cart No. 1, with Driver Ed Llewellyn in the parade.

THE DAY'S EXERCISES.

In a day replete with interest, the exercises held on the great granite steps of Clatsop's beautiful new court house, were not the least engaging. The program for the hour that followed the parade was carefully formulated, thoroughly well placed, and happily disposed of in every detail.

The lofty banks of steps was occupied by the brilliantly draped speaker's stand, flanked by a hundred chairs which in due season were filled by the officers of the county and city, the clergy, the band in attendance, and by the orator of the day, and within ten minutes after the disbandment of the long parade line, the pleasure seeking thousands turned directly to it for the good things that were known to be in store. Mayor Herman Wise acted as chairman of the day, and was surrounded by members of the Fourth of July Committee, Rev. W. Seymour Short, Rev. John Waters, U. S. Senator Charles W. Fulton, Judge C. J. Trenchard, and others, the Kaliva Band occupying the crest of the stone flight, while the people thronged the sidewalk and roadway of Commercial street, packing the whole territory adjacent to the point of discomfort in the general eagerness to secure the point of best vantage.

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"My Fellow Citizens: Today, wherever freemen dwell, they love to congregate and recount the achievements of the founders of this Republic; and it is well that this is so, for, by an annual recital of those events we feed the fires of patriotism and instill into the hearts of the coming generation a love of Country; but, while congratulating ourselves upon the blessings we enjoy we should never forget the sacrifices made by the Patriot fathers to the end that this should forever be a free and independent Republic; they were required and entirely willing to dedicate their fortunes and their lives for this cause, while we are only required to preserve what they secured; they were willing to die for their country and it remains for us to be willing to live for our country; to live for it not alone in the enjoyment of material things but live for it for the noble and glorious purpose of protecting the country's laws, the very foundation upon which this grand Republic stands.

"We should not only ourselves keep within the law, but we must strenuously insist that all men who seek the protection of the Stars and stripes, in return, honor the laws and ordinances for which that flag stands.

"The dangers confronting us today, are not from without but from within; special privileges must be driven from the temple and the social Toredoes must not be allowed to gnaw at the foundation of this noble structure; guard well your firesides for they constitute the municipality, and the various municipalities in turn constitute the nation; the people's servants must not be allowed to let the loss of self or power scare them from a full discharge of their obligations, they should fear neither slander nor defeat but in the knowledge that the people are watching their conduct with a jealous eye, they will enforce the laws without fear or favor."

A feeling and appropriate prayer was then made by Rev. Mr. Short, of Grace Episcopal Church, at the conclusion of which the band broke into American, with fine zest and effect. In the reading of the Declaration of

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Independence by J. M. Anderson, he performed the always difficult task of rendering the immortal document in a manner wholly acceptable to the great throngs, whose tribute in response was quite as much an acknowledgment to his success as to the inspired tenor of the noble instrument. This was followed by "Columbia, the Gems of the Ocean" in fine shape, by the Kalivas; and then the Mayor took the cure of the hour and gracefully introduced United States Senator Charles W. Fulton to the 10,000 people (who have, for the most part, known him all their lives and appreciated him thoroughly), as the orator of the day, and the expectant throng settled down to the real pleasure of the anniversary here.

The Senator was in fine form and voice for the task he had accepted and as he rose to the call there was a frank and voluminous expression of friendly pride and expectant interest which ceased instantly with the initial word of his address. It is not possible to preselect the text of his speech, but with the same old vim that always characterizes his public talks he held the people for one long enjoyable hour, unfolding the historic predicate of the day, coupling it with tales of the comparative evolutions of the nations at other hands than Washington's, diverging frequently to emphasize the salient successes of the fore-fathers, gradually bringing the course of our own intimate history within the range of the living knowledge of his hearers, presenting prideful fact after fact, sequent, convincing and engaging; he was optimistic throughout, and lent the strong conviction of his own ripened mind to impressing his auditors with the cheerful assurance that the country was not retrograding; that money-craft was not triumphant over the moral stamina and civic progress of the land; that as a people we are growing stronger and cleaner and more commanding in all the elements of grace and power that are expected of us. He paid full tribute to the Grand Army and its veterans and told

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again the story of their sacrifices and struggles and victories, which latter, while they inured to the brave soldiery of the sixties, left an inviolable duty upon the heart and conscience of every true American born with the succeeding generations. And in this field the Senator was deeply impressive in his effort to convey his conception of personal civic duty, the first and greatest obligation of the self-respecting and patriotic citizen. There was no mistaking the import of his charge to the people that they must be alive to the demands of good government and strive manfully and perpetually to preserve the higher standards of citizenship in order that the progress attained may be held and amplified through the years. The address commanded the interest of all who heard it and will not be soon forgotten.

As the Senator resumed his seat the band played "Hail, Columbia," after which the great concourse, uncovered, listened to the benediction of the hour as pronounced by Rev. John Waters, rector of St. Mary's Catholic Church, at the conclusion of which, the ceremonial phase of the program was at an end and the people swung loose in a hundred directions seeking the new and waiting allurements devised for their amusement on all sides.

SPORTS.

Owing to the winners of several of the events not reporting at the head-

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